

April 23rd, 2025

**Simon Stiell,
Executive Secretary
UNFCCC Secretariat**

Dear Executive Secretary,

We hereby refer to the first 2025 Climate Week to be held on May 19-23 in Panama City, Panama and would like to praise the approach taken by the UNFCCC Secretariat to provide this year's Climate Weeks with a focus on ambition and implementation to better reflect the current challenges of bringing the Paris Agreement's long-term objectives to reality. This is particularly important in the last five years of a critical decade to keep the possibility of 1.5°C alive and for which broad participation from all political, economic, and social stakeholders is fundamental.

Moreover, choosing Latin America and the Caribbean as the first place for a climate week is an omen of goodwill to prepare for our COP, a summit happening on our regional soil after more than 10 years of such an event here.

In this very important context in which Latin America and the Caribbean can play a pivotal role in presenting itself as a region of solutions, civil society organizations (listed below) would like to share some concerns about the scope and participation of Observers in this Climate Week, since the list of official mandated events to take place in Panama do not have a regional focus nor are they open to a broad and active participation of non-State stakeholders.

Regional climate weeks were created to build regional momentum and to showcase the ambitious, vibrant, and diverse work that each region of the Global South portrays on climate action. This building of regional momentum is more important than ever. Latin American civil society organizations have always come to Climate Weeks in a spirit of collaboration, networking, and pushing for greater ambition and action. Furthermore, the Latin American and Caribbean region forebears climate and environmental activism through the innovative processes derived from the [Escazu Agreement](#) on Access to Information, Public Participation, and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Unfortunately, the proposed set of events and approach to participation for the May Climate Week is not coherent with the need to pursue ambition and implementation if it happens closed doors, does not bring the flavour of our region into it and is not open to a broad range of stakeholders from the private sector, research organizations and civil society in its most ample sense.

We hope that through your leadership the format and access to the Panama Climate Week can be reviewed and that future events remain truly regional to strengthen implementation throughout the Global South.

With kind regards,

List of organizations signing this letter

Apremavi - Associação de Preservação do Meio Ambiente e da Vida
ARAYARA Foundation
Argentina 1.5°C
Asociación Construyendo Sueños de Mujer
Asociación La Ruta del Clima
Associação Rare do Brasil
CAN-LA
CEDEA - Centro de Defesa e Educação Ambiental
Cesar en Transición (CE-TRANSITA)
Clima de Política
Climate Tracker
COESUS - Coalizão Não Fracking Brasil
COJOVEM - Cooperação da Juventude Amazônica para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável
Colectivo Mujeres Guerreras de la Sierra
Comitê COP30
Corporación Maleza MP
Engajamundo
Fé, Paz e Clima
Fundación Avina
Fundación Chile Sustentable-(Chile)
Fundación Manos por el Planeta
Geledés – Black Woman Institute
GFLAC - Grupo de Financiamiento Climático para Latinoamérica y el Caribe
Greenpeace Andino (Argentina, Chile y Colombia)
Greenpeace Brasil
Greenpeace México A.C.
Iepé - Instituto de Pesquisa e Formação Indígena
INESC - Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos
Iniciativa Climática de México (ICM)
Instituto Alziras
Instituto Clima e Sociedade
Instituto Internacional ARAYARA
Instituto Internacional de Educação do Brasil
Instituto Mapinguari
Instituto Talanoa
International Energy Initiative - IEI Brasil
IPÊ - Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas
Laboratório da Cidade
LCOY Colombia
LITIGA - Litigancia Climática e Por Direitos
Movimiento César sin fracking y sin gas
Nuestro Futuro A.C.
Observatório do Clima

Observatorio Latinoamericano para la Acción Climática (OLAC)
OCM - Observatório do Carvão Mineral
OPG - Observatório do Petróleo e Gás
Plataforma CIPÓ
Plataforma Colombiana de Niñez y Juventud
Quantum Leap
RCA - Rede de Cooperação Amazônica
Redes Chaco - Gran Chaco Americano (Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil y Paraguay)
SOS Amazônia
SOS Clima
Sustainable Strategic Solutions (SESSA)
Toshispha Instituto de Saúde Ambiental
Transforma
Viração Educomunicação
Youth4energy - Y4E